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Superior Court of California
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Executive Officer & Clerk
By: D. Bennett, Deputy
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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PLACER

STANDING ORDER OF THE PLACER
COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

No.: 22-02

STANDING ORDER RE COVID-19
PANDEMIC: ORDERS
RE:DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIED
TRAFFIC MATTERS

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an unprecedented impact throughout our Nation, State, and Placer County. This court, in an effort to reduce the potential spread of the virus in our community, suspended most traffic infraction hearings during the periods of March 16 to June 13, 2020, July 13, 2020 to February 26, 2021, August 30, 2021 to October 1, 2021 and January 18, 2022 to February 18, 2022. These postponements were made to reduce contact between individuals from different households and support the goals of national, state, and public health officials. Traffic infractions are the single highest volume of cases and bring a large number of individuals to the court's facilities.

This court implemented physical distancing protocols, implemented remote appearances in nearly all case types, and undertook other recommended COVID-19 mitigation measures to reduce the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus at court facilities from March 2020 to June 2021. These efforts proactively

1 reduced the total number of individuals who may enter court facilities and
2 courtrooms at any one time. Implemented technology solutions supplement
3 these efforts by allowing remote participation. Limited bandwidth and other
4 technology considerations limit the court's ability to support the high volume
5 traffic calendars and also support the court's and litigants' needs in all other
6 case types.

7 The court has again postponed traffic-related matters set January 18,
8 2022 to February 18, 2022 through Standing Order 22-01 to mitigate the
9 impacts of the recent spike in Covid-19 cases related to the omicron variant.

10 Although remote appearance options will be available for the postponed
11 cases, the court anticipates most cases will be reset to a future date, creating
12 large calendars when appearances resume at the end of February 2022.

13 Therefore, in an effort to ensure the court can remain open and accessible
14 to all; and

15 Therefore, to support the goals of public health to mitigate the spread of
16 COVID-19; and

17 Therefore, to ensure alleged violators are held appropriately accountable
18 for responding to their matter before the court; and

19 Therefore, to appropriately balance court resources, public health, and
20 accountability for alleged traffic violations, the court makes the following orders
21 effective January 18, 2022 through February 18, 2022:

- 22 • **DISMISSAL OF TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS:** The court clerk is hereby
23 directed to dismiss any pending traffic infraction in furtherance of
24 justice, pursuant to Penal Code section 1385(a), where all of the
25 following apply:
 - 26 (1) There are no felony or misdemeanor charges on the same case.
 - 27 (2) The defendant is not alleged to have exceeded the posted speed
 - 28 by more than 10 miles per hour if charged with a Vehicle Code

1 section 22348(a), Vehicle Code section 22349(a), Vehicle Code
2 section 22349(b) or Vehicle Code section 22350 violation.

3 (3) The defendant is not alleged to have violated Vehicle Code
4 section 22348(b).

5 (4) The case has not previously been heard before any judicial
6 officer of this court.

7 (5) The court has not previously issued a failure to appear notice on
8 the case.

9 (6) The defendant has not previously pled or been found guilty to
10 any of the offenses listed on the case.

11 (7) The defendant has not made any previous payment on the case.

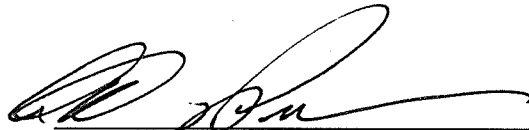
12 (8) The defendant has zero points on their California Department of
13 Motor Vehicles driving record as of the date the citation was filed
14 by the court.

15 (9) The defendant has no prior history of felony or misdemeanor
16 driving under the influence or reckless driving noted on their
17 California Department of Motor Vehicles record, as made
18 available to the court, as of the date the citation was filed by the
19 court.

20 (10) The defendant responds to the citation by contacting the court
21 clerk's office between the aforementioned dates or appears for
22 their traffic hearing or the clerk's office would otherwise
23 postpone the citation pursuant to Standing Order 22-01.

24 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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26 DATED: 1-7-2022



HONORABLE ALAN V. PINESCHI
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court